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**Save these dates:**

**Thursday, July 15, 6:30 pm  
Home garden visit**

Rose  
3707 Coronado, Alton  
drinks and light snack  
provided, chairs available

**Monday, July 26, 6:30 pm  
Board Meeting**

At Dottie home  
All board member please try  
to attend.  
Discussion of club affairs,  
officers, Hope Center,  
pot luck

**Thursday, August 19,  
6:30 pm**

**Home garden visit**  
Rosemary  
34 Orchard Hill Dr  
Wood River

**Thursday, September 16  
TBD**

**September garden visit:** Before we were needing a volunteer for the August garden visit. Rosemary was kind enough to volunteer. Now we need a garden visit for September. Maybe with a possible potluck, not mandatory. If interested please contact Dottie Rogers.

**Someone looking for plants:** There was a contact thru Facebook that is looking for some purple Rose of Sharon, and purple irises (Siberian or bearded). If you have plants to share please contact Christy and let her know.

**July garden visit:** We have been invited to Rose garden. Rose is a former club member, hopefully she will come back some day. This is what Rose shared with us about her garden.

*I have always wanted a garden. I started working on the yard of mine about 6 years ago. I had been helping Jan Maxeiner with her garden and learned pretty much everything I know from her. I miss her so very much. My yard is part sun/part shade. I have what I think is a decent selection of plants. I've shared, traded and bought most of my plants and was extremely blessed to receive many from Jan. I started my yard off with a memorial garden for my granddaughter, Emsley, who was born sleeping, June 6, 2015. I have added water features and have made it to where all of nature can enjoy the garden, as well as myself. I can't really say that one plant is my favorite for I have so many. I guess one could say if I don't like a plant it will get a new home. I have many rose bushes and lily's that represent my momma and my mother in law. I call my front yard Lil Roses garden. My mom's name was Rosalee and my mother in laws name was Lillian.*

*Rose Schollmeyer*

Rose does not use any chemicals or fertilizers. Plants are watered with rainwater. She has quite a variety of plants. She has a large greenhouse. Rose has continued to add plants, couple of new hosta this season.

Rose will provide drinks and a light snack. She has about 20 chairs available that we are welcomed to use.

**Monarch butterfly facing crisis:** The monarch butterfly, which is the state insect, is facing a crisis. Their yearly count decreased by 53% in 2019 from the prior year. Lack of milkweed for larvae is felt to be a specific reason for the decline. The monarchs did not make the endangered list but it did make the waiting list. To help the monarchs, **plant milkweed.** Milkweed is the only plant that monarchs will lay eggs on, and it is the sole food source for monarch larvae when eggs hatch. It is Illinois plan to plant 150 million new milkweed plants by 2038. <https://extension.illinois.edu/blogs/>

**June garden visit:** We were so fortunate to have perfect weather for our meeting this month at the farm home of Linda and Henry, in Plainview, IL. Don't let anyone tell you there's "nothing to be seen in Plainview." You just have to get off the highway! If Eddie Albert and Eva Gabor had seen Linda farmhouse and gardens, they would have never gone back to "Green Acres"! Linda and Henry are now retired farmers( but no one has told him that evidently) he is still helping to farm over 1,00 acres with their son, Jim, in Macoupin County. Their son built a new home right up the road from their house. Linda used to drive tractor in the fields herself for many years. She certainly has her hands full as it is taking care of their 150+ year old house and multiple flower beds and veggie beds planted all around the house. They have made many different updates and changes to the original home. In 2001, they added a gorgeous wrap-around porch that is just the perfect spot to catch the evening breeze.. It is as beautifully decorated as the rest of the house with big rocking chairs and potted plants abound— a perfect spot to "sit a spell" and contemplate a job well done. She has three horses and two donkeys, The donkeys came to live with them after they started having problems with the coyotes coming after their newborn calves. The donkeys quickly sorted them out and the babies are well protected now. They have 30+ head of cattle as well.

Daylilies, hosta, roses, hydrangeas, ferns, iris, grasses, mints, coreopsis, Hollyhock and annuals were abundant everywhere you looked!. I was also excited to see something I didn't recognize— a tall, vivid yellow perennial. She didn't have the tag anymore. Someone looked it up on a phone app and we think it's in the loosestrife family.. There were a lot of lovely garden ornaments and decorations as well. She said she spreads 10 scoops of mulch in the spring with a little assistance from a helper. Otherwise, it's all her. I tried very hard to find a weed but was hard-pressed to do so! She also graciously provided a delicious light dinner for those in attendance and there were some fabulous desserts brought by other members. Edie Reed deserves a "shout out" for her assistance in helping Linda get ready for the meeting and helping to serve everyone!. She is a good friend to have around. Might be calling her myself soon!. Thanks for the beautiful evening, Linda!

Appreciatively submitted, Paula

A little bit about the farm. The farm was purchased in 1943 by Henry's grandfather, Stephen and Henry's father, Henry. Henry's father inherited the farm when Stephen, grandfather, passed away in 1953. Linda and Henry moved to the property and purchased it in the fall of 1978. Linda and Henry raised 2 children, Jim and Julie. Jim has 3 sons and has returned to run the farm. Julie is in St. Louis, works for Enterprise Bank, likes to do charity events and travels. Thank you, Linda and Henry for sharing your farm, home and gardens.



**Things to do:**

**June-Sept. Lewis and Clark Community** inviting guests back to campus this summer after a rough year. " Here comes the Sun" is the theme for the 9th annual summer garden show., full of plants turning the campus into a pollinator paradise. For the first time ever, the show was not only planted, but also designed in house by L&C Gardener Katie Piper. <https://www.lc.edu/here-comes-the-sun/>

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**lege's Monticello Sculpture Gardens** is for a home-grown garden show full of plants turning the campus into a pollinator paradise. For the first time ever, the show was not only planted, but also designed in house by L&C Gardener Katie Piper.

**Senior Services Plus, School House Acres** is looking for volunteers for their garden. Contact Senior Services Plus, Inc. {618} 465-3298 if interested.

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